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Lower Monumental navigation lock slated for 12-hour closure

KAHLOTUS, Wash. – The navigation lock at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, located at Snake River mile 41.6, will be closed to all river traffic Thursday, April 20, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation officials at the Walla Walla District announced today.

The 12-hour closure is necessary to allow workers to inspect and evaluate leaking occurring in the upstream gate seals of the navigation lock. If any required repairs can not be made during this outage another closure may be requested at a later date for the repair work.

For more information about this lock outage, call Ann Glassley, at (509) 527-7115 or Jim Bluhm at (509) 527-7114.

Lower Monumental's navigation lock on the lower Snake River is part of the federal inland channel system that provides navigation from the mouth of the Columbia River near Astoria, Ore., to port facilities on the rivers in Lewiston-Clarkston. Transporters shipped about 17.5 million tons of products through Walla Walla District's navigation locks in 2005.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html.